



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Willner et al.
Serial No. : 09/857,783
Filed : November 13, 2001
Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES IN A
SAMPLE

Art Unit : 1634
Examiner : Frank Wei Min Lu

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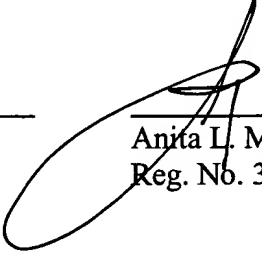
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated October 6, 2004, be extended for three months to and including April 6, 2005.

A Notice of Appeal with the appropriate fee is also being filed herewith. Enclosed is a check for \$510 for the required extension fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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